

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed October 10, 2007 ("Notice") stated that the Non-Final Amendment filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2007 was found to be non-compliant because the Amendment did not present the Amendments to the Specification and the Amendments to the Abstract on separate pages.


In response to the Notice, Applicants submit this Reply which includes only the sections of the Amendment that was deemed non-compliant, *i.e.*, the Amendments to the specification and Amendments to the abstract. More specifically, the amendments to the specification and the amendments to the abstract are presented on separate pages as required by the Notice.

Applicants respectfully request that the amended claims and remarks of the Amendment filed October 2, 2007 be considered in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 2, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that the Reply is in compliance with Rule 121 of the Rules of Practice and request entry and consideration of the amendments and remarks made herein.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the remarks of the present Reply be entered and made of record in the present application. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number indicated below. If any additional fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 500479 for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,



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